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Count 1

An assembly comprising:
a prosthetic heart valve having a plurality of commissure supports and valve leaflets, said commissure supports terminating in free ends and at least one of said commissure supports being deflectable radially inwardly;
a valve holder;
means for attaching the heart valve to the valve holder with the valve holder being remote from the free ends of the commissure supports; and
means at least partially on the valve holder for deflecting at least one commissure support radially inwardly.

The claims of the parties which correspond to this count are:

Wright, et al: Claim 29
Carpentier, et al: Claims 1, 3-5, 18

Count 2

An assembly comprising:
a prosthetic heart valve having a suture ring, a plurality of commissure supports projecting from the suture ring and terminating in free end portions and a plurality of valve leaflets;
a valve holder;
elongated flexible means for attaching the valve holder to the heart valve with said suture ring being between the valve holder and the commissure supports; and
a portion of said elongated flexible means extending between said free end portions of said commissure supports to form a suture loop guard.

The claims of the parties which correspond to this count are:

Wright, et al: Claim 30
Carpentier, et al: Claims 12, 13, 15-17

Count 3

An assembly comprising:
a prosthetic heart valve having a plurality of commissure supports and valve leaflets, at least one of said commissure supports being deflectable radially inwardly and each of said commissure supports having a free end;
a valve holder including first and second holder members and means for mounting the first holder member for movement relative to the second holder member;
means for attaching the heart valve to the valve holder with the valve holder being remote from the free ends of the commissure supports; and
means responsive to the movement of the first holder member relative to the second holder member for deflecting at least one of the commissure supports radially inwardly.

The claims of the parties which correspond to this count are:

Wright, et al: Claims 31, 1, 2, 8 and 18-20
Carpentier, et al: Claims 19, 20-25

Count 4

An assembly comprising:
a prosthetic heart valve having a plurality of commissure supports and valve leaflets, at least one of said commissure supports being deflectable radially inwardly;
a valve holder;
means for attaching the heart valve to the valve holder;
means for deflecting at least said one commissure support radially inwardly;
a handle;
means for attaching the handle to the valve holder;
and
said deflecting means being responsive to the attachment of the handle to the holder to deflect said one commissure support radially inwardly.

The claims of the parties which correspond to this count are:

Wright, et al: Claim 32
Carpentier, et al: Claim 26

Count 5

An assembly comprising:
a prosthetic heart valve having a plurality of commissure supports and valve leaflets, at least one of said commissure supports being deflectable radially inwardly;
a valve holder;

means for attaching the heart valve to the valve holder;
a rotatable handle attachable to the valve holder;
and

means responsive to the rotation of the handle for
deflecting at least said one commissure support radially
inwardly.

The claims of the parties which correspond to this count
are:

Wright, et al: Claim 33
Carpentier, et al: Claim 27

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